



# Public Notice

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## Changes to Waterfowl Hunting Regulations at Sequoyah NWR

Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge would like to announce that, starting immediately, all hunters utilizing the Sandtown Bottom Unit must enter the refuge through the main entrance gate. The gate is programmed to open at 5am each morning. No other access points may be used to gain entry to the Sandtown Bottom Unit of the Refuge. Access to hunt areas within Sandtown Bottom Unit are a first come, first serve basis.

Accessing the unit from any other entry point, by land or water, is no longer allowed.

These changes are due to the high number of hunters who are accessing Sandtown Bottom Unit by way of boat or other outlying access area of the refuge. These hunters are moving into Sandtown Bottom Unit and setting up in their desired hunt areas before anyone that had been waiting at the gate had the opportunity to choose a hunting location. These actions are unfair to hunters who are waiting at the main entrance gate, for official open hours, with the impression they will have first pick at their favorite hunting location.

Questions should be directed to Refuge Headquarters at: (918) 773 - 5251

Nestled in gently rolling foothills of the Ozark Mountains, Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge is home to wildlife as unique as the bald eagle and as elusive as the bobcat. Fertile bottomlands at the confluence of the Arkansas and Canadian Rivers make this east-central Oklahoma refuge a terrific wildlife viewing destination. One of 550 Refuges throughout the nation, Sequoyah NWR was established in 1970 to provide habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds and to provide food and cover for resident wildlife. The refuge was named in honor of Sequoyah, a Cherokee Native American who developed an alphabet for the Cherokee language.

For information on hunting on National Wildlife Refuges visit <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/hunting/>

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